

This comment is in support of the proposal for a new assignment for the Amateur Radio Service in the area of 5 MHz. The octave separation between the 3.5 MHz and 7 MHz makes the propagation between two points impossible during certain times of day. For example, we operate a traffic net in Michigan, normally on 3.5 Mhz. During the summer we switch to 7 Hz because of the absorption and the increased noise on 3.5 MHz. There are times that 7 MHz is too long and 5 MHz would be just about right. I know that the public service traffic handled on nets like this are not of an emergency nature, but these nets and emergency nets would be pressed into service in the event of an emergency, and they would be faced with the same propagation problem. Therefore, a frequency assignment around 5 MHz would be very useful.